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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies, WT Docket No. 16-421; In the Matter of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing

Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79.

## Dear Secretary Dortch:

On April 25, 2017 Columbia, S.C. Mayor Steven Benjamin met with Nicholas Degani, Senior Counsel to Chairman Ajit Pai to discuss local governments' concerns in the above-captioned dockets and the role of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Council. Mayor Benjamin's presentation was on behalf of the City of Columbia, South Carolina and well as on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors where he serves as Second Vice President and Chair of the organization's Advisory Board.

Mayor Benjamin was accompanied by Ralph Garboushian, the City of Columbia's Washington advocate, Kevin McCarty, Assistant Executive Director of the United States Conference of Mayors as well as the undersigned in his capacity as advisor to the United States Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Benjamin's presentation was consistent with the comments filed by the city of Columbia, South Carolina in the above-captioned Mobilitie docket (16-421) and which can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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